1	2	3	4	5
6	Karnataka	188.03		188.030
7	Meghalaya		58.598	58.598
8	Nagaland		28.739	28.739
9	Orissa		120.772	120.772
10	Tamil Nadu	88.89		88.890
11	Uttaranchal		56.350	56.350
12	West Bengal	113.29	130.526	243.816
13	Central Silk Board	16.50		16.500
14	Private Sector Project in A.P., Karnataka, T.N. and W.B.	908.86		908.860
15	Common to All States		123.306	123.306
	GRAND TOTAL:	1469.27	1015.69	2484.961

Visit to foreign countries by delegates of Textile Industry

2328. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with Textile Industry were sent to foreign countries for the further co-operation and development in the Textile Industries in view of the growing global competition during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what subjects of mutual interest were discussed by them;

(c) the countries with whom agreements were entered into by them along with the details of each of the agreements; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) Information is enclosed as to the countries to which and the purpose for which delegations connected with the Textile Industry were sent to attend conferences or pursue matters connected with trade, bilateral or multilateral cooperation, etc. (*see* below)

(c) and (d) No agreement was entered into during these visits. However, trade relations between these countries and India have strengthened.

Statement

Visit to foreign countries by delegates of textile industry

Sl. No.	Name(s) of the Country(ies) visited	Purpose of visit/Subject discussed
1.	Australia	For promotion of bilateral trade between both the countries; to monitor the exact requirements towards knit or woven and other type of garments together with colour, fabrics, forecast, etc.; to attend the 59th Plenary meeting of International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) which is an association of Governments having an interest in the production, import and consumption of cotton; and to attend the 2nd meeting of the Indo-Australia Joint Business and to discuss various project proposals related to wool blends, developing Wool Research Association as Wool Technology Coordination Centre, and to study the Demand Supply Chain management for wool, joint collaboration between NIFT and RMIT, Australia in the area of fashion, design and marketing.
2.	Spain	To attend the Annual Congress of International Wool Textile Organization and to discuss the export strategies in the face of oncoming WTO changes and repositioning Indian Wool & Woollen products promotion to direct them more frontally towards the European and US markets.
3.	Hong Kong	To monitor the exact requirements towards knit or woven and other type of garments together with colour, fabrics, forecast, etc., and

		to understand current status of infrastructure in garment industry. Current supply chain management from yarn to fabric stage.
4.	China	To identify fabrics for Indian RMG sector and to explore the possibilities of joint ventures in India; and to understand current status of infrastructure in garment industry. Current supply chain management from yarn to fabric stage.
5.	United States of America	To inaugurate the Rug Show and to discuss with the Oriental Rug Importers Association representative as to how best the effective marketing would be undertaken in USA for newly developed carpets under the project; and to understand the latest developments at WTO so that a proper action plan can be formulated for Indian RMG sector.
6.	Switzerland	To attend the meeting of the Standing Executive Committee of International Silk Association as Vice President of the Association, which is an international platform having concern about the trade and sharing of information with other countries with interest for promotion of silk and silk items; and to attend the Session of the International Jute Council (IJC) which adopted the Agreement regarding formation of a new international organization namely International Jute Study Group (IJSG) which India joined in April, 2002.
7.	Belgium and Canada	To understand the latest developments at WTO so that a proper action plan can be formulated for Indian RMG sector.
8.	Zimbabwe	To attend the 60th Plenary meeting of International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), an

		association of Governments having an interest in the production, import and consumption of cotton, designed to promote cooperation in the solution of cotton problems particularly those of international scope and significance.
9.	United Kingdom	To attend the International Cocoa Organisation meeting to interact with cocoa producers, exporters and consumers; and to attend the Inter-sessional Meeting of Food &Agricultural Organisation (FAO), Inter Governmental Groups and Jute & Hard Fibres for interchange of ideas regarding taking up various projects by the Common Fund of Commodities (CFC) for development of jute industry.

In addition, Export Promotion Councils have been sending teams to various countries as part of their sales promotion programmes.

Textile Exports to US

2329. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export of textiles to the US in dollar terms has declined during 2001;

(b) whether as compared to India's exports to the US and exports of China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have increased in this period;

(c) the reasons for fall in India's exports and increase in neighbouring countries' exports; and

(d) what steps are being taken to boost exports of textiles to the US?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) India's textile exports to US during the year 2001-02 amounted to US$ 2556.5 million as against the exports of US$ 3139.6 million during the year 2000-01, recording a negative growth of 18.6%.